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RESPONSE

Introductory Remarks

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed 17 November 2004. Claims 1 – 33 are pending in the Application, but Claims 12 -31 are withdrawn from consideration. The Office rejects Claims 1 – 11 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Korpman (U.S. Patent 4,318,408). The Office rejects Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Korpman as applied to Claims 1 – 11 and 32.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33 and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of remarks contained in this paper. Applicant also respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33 at an early date.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.